

# WILLIAM L. AND CHARLOTTE SHARP VAN WAGONER



William L. Van Wagoner was born May 25, 1879, Midway. Son of John Van Wagoner and Margaret Ann Faucett Van Wagoner. Married Charlotte Sharp September 19, 1900, by Patriarch Nymphus Murdock in Midway. Died September 15, 1952, Midway.

Charlotte Sharp Van Wagoner was born January 18, 1882, Heber. Daughter of Jonathon Sharp and Anna Jowett Sharp. Married William L. Van Wagoner September 19, 1900, Midway. Died August 9, 1957, Heber.

The boyhood days of William were spent in Midway. He attended grammar school there. Later he attended the Brigham Young University at Provo, where he studied business. During the summers he worked with his brothers and father in brick making, lime

burning and building. He loved to go fishing in the Provo River and at Strawberry Lake. As the family grew, they had many happy times along the mountain streams.

In the spring of 1900 William met the girl who was to become his life companion, Charlotte Sharp. The evening of their marriage they were honored at a reception held in the old Van Wagoner hall. They went to the Salt Lake Temple May 1st, 1901, and received their Endowments.

In the fall of 1901 William received a call to go on a mission to the Eastern States. This was about a week before their first child was born. This was a difficult decision for the young couple to make, since they were without finances, and too, they would be separated over two years. After praying and talking it over with their families they decided that William should go. William left for the mission field in November 1901 and returned in November 1903, having served an honorable mission.

During his life William was very active in church and civic affairs. As a boy he was president of the Deacons. As a young man he served as Superintendent of the Sunday School and as President of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Assn. For nine years he served as a counselor in the Bishopric of the Midway 1st Ward, first as a counselor to Bishop Joseph Francom and later to Bishop Henry Coleman. For 16 years he served on the Wasatch Stake High Council under President Joseph Murdock and later with David A. Broadbent. He was a Sunday School teacher, ward teacher and later was appointed President of the Stake Genealogical Committee. He was an inspiring speaker and much in demand at public gatherings.

He served for several years on the Wasatch School Board. William was elected to the State Legislature for three terms by the Republican Party, in 1913, 1915 and in 1933.

For many years William was a merchant, meat cutter, builder and real estate broker. He was appointed by the federal government to act as an appraiser of land involved in the Deer Creek Reservoir project.

Charlotte Sharp Van Wagoner was a devoted wife and mother. She was known as one of the finest homemakers in the valley, and one of the best cooks. Relatives, friends and business associates were always welcome in her home, and always enjoyed

her delicious dinners and sweet hospitality. She was known to all the children in the neighborhood as "Aunt Lottie."

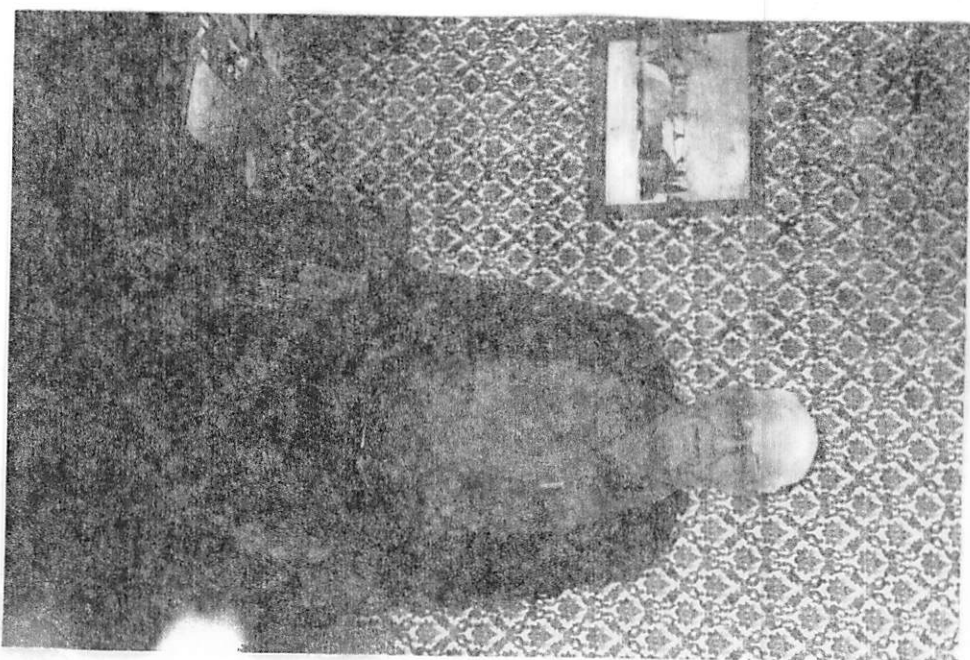
She taught in the organizations of the Church, including the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Assn., and the Primary. For many years she was a teacher in Relief Society, visiting the homes of the sick and the needy. This was a calling she loved.

The family was always proud of their missionary record. William as well as four of his sons, filled full-term missions for the Church in many different parts of the country.

Children of William and Charlotte Van Wagoner:

- Arthur William, married Winnie Jones;
- Lester Hyrum, died in childhood;
- Mrs. Clifford (Mable Ann) Workman;
- Paul Halma, married Phyllis Murdock;
- Ammon, married (1) Sarah Mae Kidder
- (2) Phyllis Cummings (3) Renae Savage;
- Mrs. Thomas L. (Belva) Harper;
- Ezra Earl, married Fay Rasband;
- Grant, died in infancy;
- Mrs. Afton (Virginia) Thacker;
- Joseph Allred, married (1) Patricia Read
- (2) Helen Mair.

Alma & Watkins  
80 Dorothy Lorraine Wilson



# GEORGE TRANHAM AND FRANCES OHLWILER WATKINS

George Tranham Watkins was born December 21, 1876 in Midway, a son of John and Mary Ann Sawyer Watkins. He mar-



ried Sarah Frances Ohlwiler, January 5, 1899 at Heber. The marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple April 26, 1899. George died January 3, 1953 in Midway.

Sarah Frances Ohlwiler Watkins was born May 15, 1880 in Heber, a daughter of Henry and Eliza Jane Baker Harvey Ohlwiler. She died January 5, 1954 in Midway.

George T. Watkins spent his entire life in Midway, and was educated in the Wasatch County schools. He also spent two winters at the Brigham Young Academy in Provo where he lived with his grandparents, Joseph and Henrietta Sawyer.

He was a builder and contractor, and laid many of the rock and brick homes in Midway and Heber. Some of his projects were the rock part of Wasatch High School, the pea factory, Ashton's Hardware store and part of the Heber Exchange building. He also poured the first concrete sidewalks on main street in Heber.

George was civic minded and promoted many worthwhile projects in the valley. He represented Midway when the Heber Light and Power company was organized, and served as a member of the Midway Town Board.

Throughout his life he was devoted to the Church. He served as superintendent of the YMMIA, and introduced the reading course program into the ward. He was first counselor in the bishopric to Bishop Clark Bronson and taught many auxiliary classes. At the time of his death a grandson paid the tribute to him: "He was truly a great man."

Frances was the sixth child of a family of eight, and was reared and educated in Heber.

Throughout her life she was a faithful Latter-day Saint. She was active in Relief Society and for many years decorated the ward chapel and took care of flowers for

funerals. She served on many committees for ward socials and community events.

She was a lover of flowers and plants, was an excellent cook and kept her home well organized and clean. She loved hand work, crocheting and piecing beautiful quilts. She received many prizes for her exhibits at fairs. She and her husband celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 5, 1949. She died five years later on her 55th wedding anniversary.

Children of George and Frances included: Vesta, who died at two;

Mrs. Joseph (Garnet) Probst;

Mrs. Burton (Lorna) Van Wagoner;

Mrs. Harry (Reba) Kohler.



W. Albert Winterrose

*Kenneth Witt  
Construction Engineer*

## Michael Witt

Michael James Witt, 17, Brigham City, died of heart failure Sunday, Jan. 13, 1985 at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City. His grandparents live in Orem.

He was born April 13, 1967 in Provo to Kenneth W. and Karen Ostler Witt.

He was a member of the Brigham City 11th Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a priest.

He was a junior at Box Elder High School and from age 8, an honorary member of the International Thespian Society. He was a member of the



Michael Witt

Screen Actors Guild. He won numerous awards for his acting. His work encompassed stage, movies, television and commercials, one of which won a coveted Clio Award.

Among productions he was involved in were "Christmas Lillies of the Field," "Earthbound," and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," and he was Billie in "On Golden Pond," staged by the Brigham Young University Theater Dept.

He participated in dedication of the Utah Children's Museum.

Survivors include his parents of Provo, two brothers, and a sister: K. Scott Witt, on a church mission in Toronto, Canada; Jason B. Witt, Brigham City; and Dianna Witt Nawyan, Perry; grandparents in Orem, Alton and Genieve Hill; and great-grandmother Edith James Ostler.

The funeral will be in Brigham City on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. at the Olsen Funeral Home. Friends may call Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the mortuary, 205 S. 100 E. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Primary Children's Medical Center cardiac unit.